

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/677,594

Examiner

Ajay Vasudeva

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 4/06/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 30-35 and 37-41.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date 2/23/2006.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 20060516.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Thomas Thibault on 5/15/2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims (*see the amendment filed 4/06/2006*)

- In claim 30 (line 9), after "a second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 30 (line 9), after "the second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 31 (line 1), after "the second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 32 (line 2), after "the second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 33 (line 1), after "the second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 37 (line 3), after "for covering", -- **that covers** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 37 (line 11), after "a second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 37 (line 11), after "the second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 38 (line 3), after "the second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 39 (line 2), after "the second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.
- In claim 40 (line 1), after "the second", -- **rigid** -- has been inserted.

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3. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

- In fig. 10a, show the outlines of surfboard, and identify it with reference numeral 106.
- In fig. 12, include (i) reference numeral 1000 and (ii) a line with an arrow extending to the fin guard.
- A complete set of formal drawings is requested.

Note: In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajay Vasudeva whose telephone number is (571) 272-6689. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 12:00 -- 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Joe Morano can be reached on (571) 272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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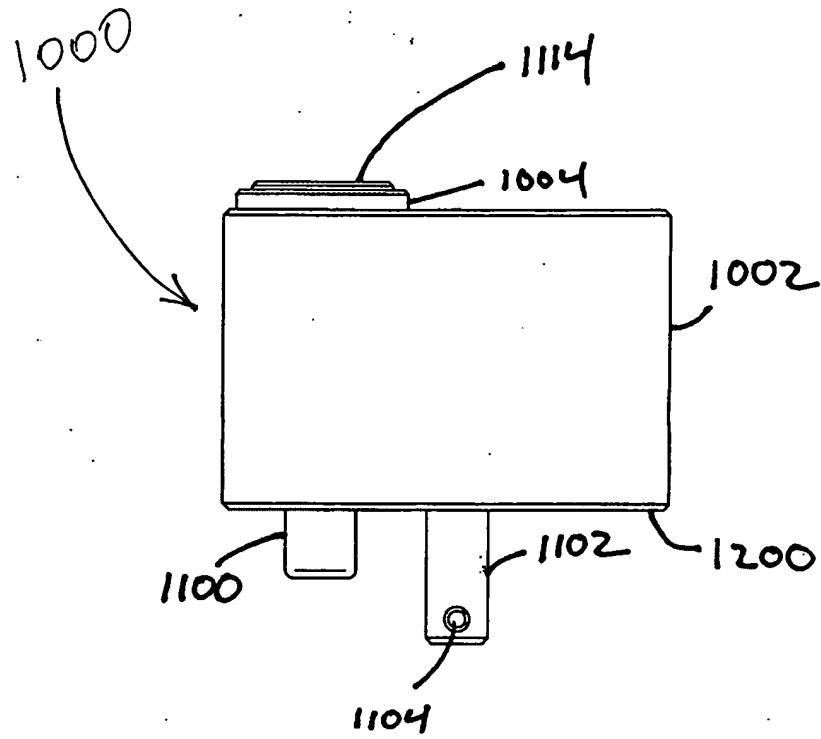


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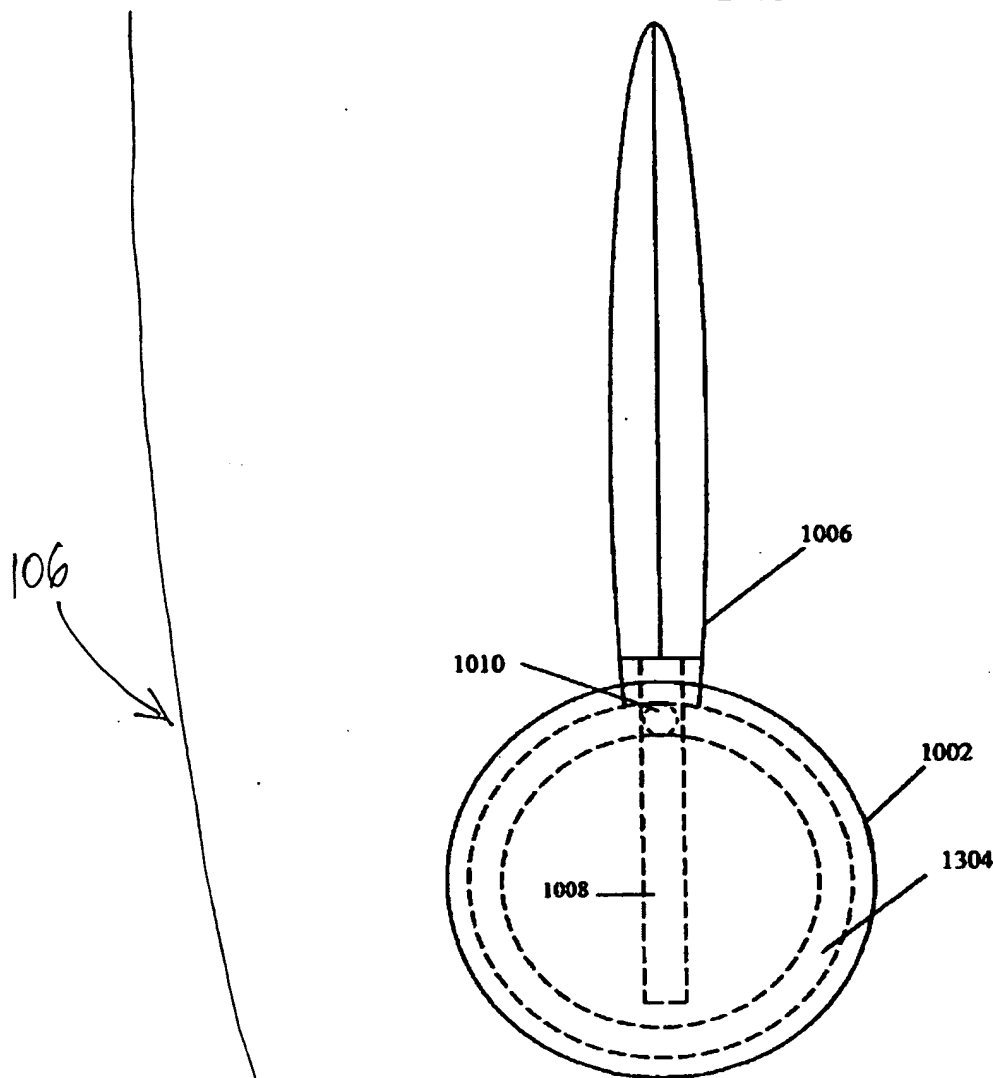


Fig. 10a

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